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TYPE OF FARMING AREAS

BRITISH COLUMBIA



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INTRODUCTION

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This bulletin includes statistics for selected items by type-of-farming areas. Information tabulated on that basis may often be more useful in a study of agricultural problems than information presented on a census division or provincial basis.

Census sub-divisions 1/ were grouped into type of farming areas. Four primary types were established: livestock specialty, grain specialty, combination grain and livestock, and special crops. Each primary type was then divided into sub-types. For example, when 70 per cent or more of the gross farm revenue was obtained from the sale of livestock and livestock products, the census sub-division was classified as "livestock specialty". Within this specialty group, when 40 per cent or more of the revenue from the sale of livestock and livestock products was obtained from dairy, the sub-type was then called "livestock dairy".

A detailed type-of-farming map for Canada has been prepared and will appear in the Atlas of Canada 2/. The map was based on data from the 1951 Census of Agriculture, prepared by the Economics Division, Canada Department of Agriculture in co-operation with the Census Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics. An outline map showing the location and approximate boundaries of the type of farming areas was transcribed from the detailed map for this bulletin.

1/ A province is divided into a number of census divisions composed of several sub-divisions which are usually townships in eastern Canada and municipalities in western Canada.

2/ The Atlas of Canada is being processed by the Canada Department of Mines and Technical Surveys.

The criteria for the various types of farming were:

- 1 - Livestock specialty 70 per cent or more of the gross farm revenue was received from sales of livestock and livestock products.

Three sub-types:

- a) livestock dairy (Ld) sale of dairy products over 40 per cent of total sales of livestock and livestock products.
- b) livestock cattle (Lc) sale of cattle over 40 per cent of total sales of livestock and livestock products.
- c) livestock general (Lg) neither the dairy products nor the cattle sales over 40 per cent of the total sales of livestock and livestock products.

- 2 - Grain specialty 70 per cent or more of the gross farm revenue was received from sales of grain and hay.

Two sub-types:

- a) grain general (Gg) no single crop acreage exceeds 40 per cent of total crop acreage.
- b) wheat (Gw) wheat acreage exceeds 40 per cent of total crop acreage.

- 3 - Combination grain and livestock less than 70 per cent of gross farm revenue from either crops or livestock.

Two sub-types:

- a) cash crop-livestock (CL) gross revenue from cash crops and grain exceeds that from livestock.
- b) livestock-cash-crop (LC) gross revenue from livestock exceeds that from grain and cash crops.

- 4 - Special crops 50 per cent or more of gross farm revenue was received from the special crops listed.

Three sub-types:

- a) tobacco or potatoes (Spt) 50 per cent or more of gross farm revenue from sales of tobacco, potatoes and other root crops.
- b) fruits and vegetables (Sfv) 50 per cent or more of gross farm revenue from sales of fruits and vegetables.
- c) forest products (F) 50 per cent or more of gross farm revenue from sales of forest products.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

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The Provincial Total includes data for Indian Reserves and remote areas not included in the classified areas.

Definitions of the items listed in the tables are the same as the corresponding items in the Census Volume VI, 1951 with two slight modifications. In the tables:

a) Special crops include only the acreages of potatoes, tobacco, sugar beets and soybeans. This acreage combined with Main crops gives "area under crops" in the Census Volume.

b) Cows for milk and Cows and heifers for beef include only cows and heifers two years old and over.

A dash (-) indicates zero.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

<u>Area Number</u>	<u>Type-of- Farming Category</u>	<u>Name of Area</u>
1	LC	Smithers
2	LC	Vanderhoof, Burns Lake
3	LC	Prince George
4	Lg	McBride
5	Lc	Quesnel
6	Lc	Gang Ranch
7	Ld	Campbell River, Cumberland
8	Ld	Alberni, Nanaimo
9	Ld	Ladysmith, Duncan
10	Sfv	Saanich Peninsula
11	Ld	Lower Fraser Valley
12	Lc	Ashcroft, Kamloops, Nicola
13	Lg	Salmon Arm
14	Sfv	Upper Okanagan Valley
15	Sfv	Lower Okanagan Valley
16	LC	Grand Forks
17	Ld	Arrow Lakes
18	Ld	Revelstoke
19	CL	Nelson
20	CL	Creston
21	Lc	Cranbrook
22	CL	Peace River, Fort St. John
23	Gg	Peace River, Pouce Coupe



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Type-of-Farming Areas BRITISH COLUMBIA

 AREAS WITH NO AGRICULTURE

	<u>Provincial Total</u>
Total Number of Farms	26,406
Average acres per farm	178
Land Use - averages per farm	
Improved acres	44
Main crops, acres	26
Special crops, "	*
Seeded pasture, "	13
Summerfallow, "	3
Improved Acreage per Farm - percentage distribution	
Under 3 acres	8
3 to 9 "	34
10 to 69 "	44
70 to 129 "	7
130 to 179 "	3
180 to 239 "	1
240 to 399 "	2
400 to 559 "	1
560 to 759 "	*
760 and over	*
Total	100
Livestock - averages per farm and percentage reporting	
All cattle	12
Farms reporting, per cent	63
Cows for milk	3
Cows and heifers for beef	3
Steers	1
Swine	2
Farms reporting, per cent	24
Sheep	2
Farms reporting, per cent	3
Hens and chickens	131
Sale of Farm Products per Farm - percentage distribution	
Under \$ 250	27
\$ 250 to \$ 1,199 part-time	17
full-time	11
\$ 1,200 to \$ 2,499	18
\$ 2,500 to \$ 3,749	9
\$ 3,750 to \$ 4,999	5
\$ 5,000 to \$ 7,499	6
\$ 7,500 to \$ 9,999	3
\$10,000 to \$14,999	2
\$15,000 to \$19,999	1
\$ 20,000 and over	1
Total	100
Miscellaneous Items	
Non-resident farms, per cent	4
Days worked off farm, average	68
Sales of fruits and vegetables (average value per farm)	\$ 540
Tractors per 100 farms	49

* Indicates a numerical value of less than 0.5.

	Grain		Livestock General (Lg)	
	General (Gg)		Area 4	Total
	Area 23		Area 13	
Total number of Farms	993	139	1,268	1,407
Average acres per farm	411	223	106	118
Land Use - averages per farm				
Improved acres	178	46	41	41
Main crops, acres	127	35	28	29
Special crops, "	★	1	★	★
Seeded pasture, "	8	6	9	8
Summerfallow, "	35	1	2	2
Improved Acreage per Farm - percentage distribution				
Under 3 acres	1	2	3	3
3 to 9 "	2	9	17	16
10 to 69 "	25	70	68	68
70 to 129 "	22	15	10	10
130 to 179 "	17	2	1	1
180 to 239 "	8	1	★	1
240 to 399 "	17	1	1	1
400 to 599 "	5	-	★	★
560 to 759 "	2	-	-	-
760 and over	1	-	★	★
Total	100	100	100	100
Livestock - averages per farm and percentage reporting				
All cattle	6	7	7	7
Farms reporting, per cent	58	63	72	71
Cows for milk	1	2	3	3
Cows and heifers for beef	1	1	1	1
Steers	1	1	★	★
Swine	5	5	3	3
Farms reporting, per cent	37	36	40	40
Sheep	1	2	2	2
Farms reporting, per cent	2	8	2	3
Hens and chickens	46	56	87	84
Sale of Farm Products per Farm - percentage distribution				
Under \$ 250	25	32	25	25
\$ 250 to \$ 1,199 part-time	13	23	16	17
full-time	24	12	17	17
\$ 1,200 to \$ 2,499	25	20	22	22
\$ 2,500 to \$ 3,749	8	7	9	9
\$ 3,750 to \$ 4,999	3	1	5	4
\$ 5,000 to \$ 7,499	1	4	4	4
\$ 7,500 to \$ 9,999	1	-	1	1
\$10,000 to \$14,999	★	-	1	1
\$15,999 to \$19,999	-	1	★	★
\$20,000 and over	-	-	★	★
Total	100	100	100	100
Miscellaneous Items				
Non-resident farms, per cent	11	4	3	3
Days worked off farm, average	34	106	58	62
Sales of fruits and vegetables (average value per farm)	\$ 2	\$ -	\$ 131	\$ 118
Tractors per 100 farms	70	53	50	50

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	Livestock Dairy (Ld)		
	Area 7	Area 8	Area 9
Total Number of Farms	377	259	1,614
Average acres per farm	76	121	70
Land Use - averages per farm			
Improved acres	21	29	22
Main crops, acres	10	14	11
Special crops, "	1	★	★
Seeded pasture, "	8	12	9
Summerfallow, "	★	★	★
Improved Acreage per Farm - percentage distribution			
Under 3 acres	7	7	11
3 to 9 "	39	30	38
10 to 69 "	48	54	44
70 to 129 "	4	7	4
130 to 179 "	1	2	1
180 to 239 "	1	★	1
240 to 399 "	-	★	1
400 to 559 "	-	-	-
560 to 759 "	-	★	★
760 and over	-	-	★
Total	100	100	100
Livestock - averages per farm and percentage reporting			
All cattle	7	10	6
Farms reporting, per cent	72	76	57
Cows for milk	3	4	3
Cows and heifers for beef	1	1	★
Steers	★	★	★
Swine	1	3	2
Farms reporting, per cent	24	31	20
Sheep	2	5	6
Farms reporting, per cent	4	10	13
Hens and chickens	120	179	144
Sale of Farm Products per Farm - percentage distribution			
Under \$ 250	45	26	35
\$ 250 to \$ 1,199 part-time	16	21	21
full-time	10	10	6
\$ 1,200 to \$ 2,499	12	12	12
\$ 2,500 to \$ 3,749	7	11	7
\$ 3,750 to \$ 4,999	4	4	5
\$ 5,000 to \$ 7,499	3	7	6
\$ 7,500 to \$ 9,999	1	4	3
\$ 10,000 to \$ 14,999	1	4	2
\$ 15,000 to \$ 19,999	1	-	2
\$ 20,000 and over	★	1	1
Total	100	100	100
Miscellaneous Items			
Non-resident farms, per cent	2	1	2
Days worked off farm, average	81	53	66
Sales of fruits and vegetables (average value per farm)	\$ 40	\$ 42	\$ 213
Tractors per 100 farms	44	60	50

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	Livestock Dairy (Ld)			
	Area 11	Area 17	Area 18	Total
Total Number of Farms	9,902	613	67	12,832
Average acres per farm	30	69	80	41
Land Use - averages per farm				
Improved acres	20	17	29	20
Main crops, acres	11	10	16	11
Special crops, "	★	★	2	★
Seeded pasture, "	7	5	9	8
Summerfallow, "	★	★	1	★
Improved Acreage per Farm - percentage distribution				
Under 3 acres	13	6	-	12
3 to 9 "	42	55	15	42
10 to 69 "	39	35	78	40
70 to 129 "	4	3	6	4
130 to 179 "	1	1	-	1
180 to 239 "	1	-	-	1
240 to 399 "	★	★	1	★
400 to 559 "	★	★	-	★
560 to 759 "	★	★	-	★
760 and over	★	-	-	★
Total	100	100	100	100
Livestock - averages per farm and percentage reporting				
All cattle	9	6	7	9
Farms reporting, per cent	69	80	85	68
Cows for milk	5	3	4	5
Cows and heifers for beef	★	1	★	★
Steers	★	★	★	★
Swine	2	1	1	2
Farms reporting, per cent	22	20	43	22
Sheep	1	★	1	1
Farms reporting, per cent	2	1	2	3
Hens and chickens	227	94	82	205
Sale of Farm Products per Farm - percentage distribution				
Under \$ 250	22	56	19	26
\$ 250 to \$ 1,199 part-time	16	14	37	16
full-time	9	7	8	9
\$ 1,200 to \$ 2,499	18	9	21	17
\$ 2,500 to \$ 3,749	11	4	3	10
\$ 3,750 to \$ 4,999	7	2	6	7
\$ 5,000 to \$ 7,499	8	4	2	7
\$ 7,500 to \$ 9,999	4	2	3	3
\$10,000 to \$14,999	3	1	-	3
\$15,000 to \$19,999	1	1	-	1
\$20,000 and over	1	-	1	1
Total	100	100	100	100
Miscellaneous Items				
Non-resident farms, per cent	2	1	-	2
Days worked off farm, average	66	112	61	68
Sales of fruits and vegetables (average value per farm)	\$ 381	\$ 111	\$ 60	\$ 328
Tractors per 100 farms	49	28	52	48

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	Livestock Cattle (Lc)				
	Area 5	Area 6	Area 12	Area 21	Total
Total Number of Farms	434	352	1,183	541	2,510
Average acres per farm	654	2,174	849	259	874
Land Use - averages per farm					
Improved acres	164	178	88	67	109
Main crops, acres	43	65	50	31	46
Special crops, "	1	1	★	1	1
Seeded pasture, "	111	99	32	26	54
Summerfallow, "	4	2	3	2	3
Improved Acreage per Farm - percentage distribution					
Under 3 acres	8	5	5	4	5
3 to 9 "	8	10	19	14	15
10 to 69 "	41	39	49	57	48
70 to 129 "	20	16	12	13	14
130 to 179 "	5	11	4	4	5
180 to 239 "	5	3	3	2	3
240 to 399 "	4	9	4	4	5
400 to 559 "	4	2	1	1	2
560 to 759 "	2	1	1	1	1
760 and over	3	4	2	★	2
Total	100	100	100	100	100
Livestock - averages per farm and percentage reporting					
All cattle	47	111	54	17	53
Farms reporting, per cent	81	77	68	74	73
Cows for milk	2	2	2	3	2
Cows and heifers for beef	18	46	21	6	21
Steers	9	17	10	2	9
Swine	2	1	3	1	2
Farms reporting, per cent	26	22	34	30	30
Sheep	8	3	19	2	11
Farms reporting, per cent	13	7	8	5	8
Hens and chickens	62	39	75	56	64
Sale of Farm Products per Farm - percentage distribution					
Under \$ 250	27	27	29	31	29
\$ 250 to \$ 1,199 part-time	20	13	16	19	17
full-time	8	13	9	12	10
\$ 1,200 to \$ 2,499	19	16	17	19	17
\$ 2,500 to \$ 3,749	9	9	8	10	9
\$ 3,750 to \$ 4,999	4	5	5	4	5
\$ 5,000 to \$ 7,499	5	5	5	2	4
\$ 7,500 to \$ 9,999	2	4	3	2	3
\$10,000 to \$14,999	2	3	3	1	2
\$15,000 to \$19,999	1	1	1	★	1
\$20,000 and over	3	4	4	★	3
Total	100	100	100	100	100
Miscellaneous Items					
Non-resident farms, per cent	2	5	5	4	4
Days worked off farm, average	48	44	73	64	63
Sales of fruits and vegetables (average value per farm)	\$ 5	\$ 142	\$ 289	\$ 33	\$ 164
Tractors per 100 farms	63	61	60	53	60

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	Cash Crop - Livestock (CL)			
	Area 19	Area 20	Area 22	Total
Total Number of Farms	1,017	454	592	2,063
Average acres per farm	47	38	456	162
Land Use - averages per farm				
Improved acres	18	21	185	66
Main crops, acres	12	16	126	45
Special crops, "	★	★	★	★
Seeded pasture, "	5	3	29	11
Summerfallow, "	1	1	24	7
Improved Acreage per Farm - percentage distribution				
Under 3 acres	6	3	★	4
3 to 9 "	59	45	2	39
10 to 69 "	32	47	16	31
70 to 129 "	1	2	23	7
130 to 179 "	★	1	17	5
180 to 239 "	1	1	15	5
240 to 399 "	1	1	18	6
400 to 559 "	★	★	6	2
560 to 759 "	★	-	2	1
760 and over	★	-	1	★
Total	100	100	100	100
Livestock - averages per farm and percentage reporting				
All cattle	4	3	7	5
Farms reporting, per cent	71	48	60	63
Cows for milk	2	1	1	1
Cows and heifers for beef	★	★	2	1
Steers	★	★	1	★
Swine	1	1	9	3
Farms reporting, per cent	11	26	51	26
Sheep	★	★	1	★
Farms reporting, per cent	1	1	1	1
Hens and chickens	53	48	50	51
Sale of Farm Products per Farm - percentage distribution				
Under \$ 250	46	22	27	35
\$ 250 to \$ 1,199 part-time	26	16	14	20
full-time	11	13	19	14
\$ 1,200 to \$ 2,499	8	23	24	16
\$ 2,500 to \$ 3,749	4	13	9	7
\$ 3,750 to \$ 4,999	1	5	3	3
\$ 5,000 to \$ 7,499	2	5	3	3
\$ 7,500 to \$ 9,999	1	2	1	1
\$10,000 to \$14,999	1	1	★	1
\$15,000 to \$19,999	★	★	★	★
\$20,000 and over	★	★	★	★
Total	100	100	100	100
Miscellaneous Items				
Non-resident farms, per cent	2	9	7	5
Days worked off farm, average	84	65	31	65
Sales of fruits and vegetables (average value per farm)	\$ 241	\$ 1,152	-	\$ 372
Tractors per 100 farms	26	48	77	46

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	Livestock - Cash Crop (LC)				
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 16	Total
Total Number of Farms	224	388	241	525	1,378
Average acres per farm	364	348	281	166	270
Land Use - averages per farm					
Improved acres	114	86	60	57	75
Main crops, acres	69	61	40	23	44
Special crops, "	☆	☆	☆	1	1
Seeded pasture, "	38	12	12	26	21
Summerfallow, "	4	9	2	4	5
Improved Acreage per Farm - percentage distribution					
Under 3 acres	1	1	-	2	1
3 to 9 "	6	6	9	31	16
10 to 69 "	42	48	67	50	51
70 to 129 "	25	28	16	7	18
130 to 179 "	9	7	4	4	6
180 to 239 "	6	3	1	2	3
240 to 399 "	5	5	3	2	4
400 to 559 "	3	1	☆	1	1
560 to 759 "	1	-	☆	1	☆
760 and over	2	1	-	☆	☆
Total	100	100	100	100	100
Livestock - averages per farm and percentage reporting					
All cattle	14	16	8	11	12
Farms reporting, per cent	81	81	57	83	78
Cows for milk	2	2	2	2	2
Cows and heifers for beef	3	5	2	3	4
Steers	2	2	1	1	1
Swine	2	2	2	2	2
Farms reporting, per cent	35	35	25	18	27
Sheep	2	6	3	1	3
Farms reporting, per cent	8	21	9	1	9
Hens and chickens	71	54	67	55	59
Sale of Farm Products per Farm - percentage distribution					
Under \$ 250	20	24	40	36	30
\$ 250 to \$ 1,199 part-time	19	22	20	23	22
full-time	13	12	11	12	12
\$ 1,200 to \$ 2,499	24	23	15	13	18
\$ 2,500 to \$ 3,749	12	8	7	6	8
\$ 3,750 to \$ 4,999	5	3	2	2	3
\$ 5,000 to \$ 7,499	4	5	4	3	4
\$ 7,500 to \$ 9,999	1	1	1	2	2
\$10,000 to \$14,999	1	1	☆	1	1
\$15,000 to \$19,999	-	1	-	1	☆
\$20,000 and over	1	-	-	1	☆
Total	100	100	100	100	100
Miscellaneous Items					
Non-resident farms, per cent	1	6	4	3	4
Days worked off farm, average	69	78	68	101	84
Sales of fruits and vegetables (average value per farm)	\$ 18	\$ 3	\$ 12	\$ 295	\$ 118
Tractors per 100 farms	62	46	54	39	46

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Specialty, Fruits & Vegetables (Sfv)

	Area 10	Area 14	Area 15	Total
Total Number of Farms	476	2,710	1,162	4,348
Average acres per farm	20	127	138	118
Land Use - averages per farm				
Improved acres	13	24	25	23
Main crops, acres	7	17	14	15
Special crops, "	★	★	★	★
Seeded pasture, "	4	6	9	6
Summerfallow, "	★	1	★	1
Improved Acreage per Farm - percentage distribution				
Under 3 acres	19	8	6	9
3 to 9 "	53	34	38	38
10 to 69 "	26	52	51	49
70 to 129 "	1	4	2	3
130 to 179 "	1	1	1	1
180 to 239 "	★	1	1	★
240 to 399 "	-	★	1	★
400 to 559 "	-	★	★	★
560 to 759 "	★	★	★	★
760 and over	-	★	★	★
Total	100	100	100	100
Livestock - averages per farm and percentage reporting				
All cattle	4	5	5	5
Farms reporting, per cent	35	38	19	32
Cows for milk	3	1	★	1
Cows and heifers for beef	★	2	2	2
Steers	-	1	1	1
Swine	1	1	1	1
Farms reporting, per cent	9	21	12	17
Sheep	★	4	3	3
Farms reporting, per cent	3	2	1	2
Hens and chickens	140	54	37	59
Sale of Farm Products per Farm - percentage distribution				
Under \$ 250	27	25	22	25
\$ 250 to \$ 1,199 part-time	19	15	13	15
full-time	11	9	7	9
\$ 1,200 to \$ 2,499	11	19	15	17
\$ 2,500 to \$ 3,749	6	12	12	11
\$ 3,750 to \$ 4,999	5	6	8	6
\$ 5,000 to \$ 7,499	5	7	11	8
\$ 7,500 to \$ 9,999	4	3	6	4
\$10,000 to \$14,999	4	2	4	2
\$15,000 to \$19,999	3	1	1	1
\$20,000 and over	5	1	1	2
Total	100	100	100	100
Miscellaneous Items				
Non-resident farms, per cent	5	5	7	6
Days worked off farm, average	58	73	82	74
Sales of fruits and vegetables (average value per farm)	\$ 384	\$1,842	\$2,777	\$1,932
Tractors per 100 farms	43	53	60	54

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